

I am outraged at the violation of the public trust and licensing charter from the FCC that has been granted to Sinclair Broadcasting in the form of the FCC's refusal to address Sinclair's forced broadcast of political propaganda a few days before the election. The free-ly licensed radio spectrum assigned by the FCC to the Sinclair affiliates makes them subject to additional public scrutiny that would not be applicable to other media (cable, Internet, or purchased RF spectrum). The FCC's decision clearly smacks of political favoritism.

The FCC is obligated to enforce federal guidelines regarding fairness, especially in consideration of the obvious abuse of media consolidation.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our

democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.